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Edwards gives \$10,000 scholarship Gift comes after \$100,000 endowment fund

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

As part of Prairie View A&M University's capital campaign, Dr. Tawana Edwards, an alumna and founder of Smile Support Ltd., presented the first scholarship of the Dr. Tawana Edwards Endowment Scholarship Fund to sophomore biology major Alexis Washington on Nov. 9.

In January of 2008, Edwards laid the foundation of her fund by donating \$100,000 to the capital campaign, an amount that was matched dollar for dollar by the state of Texas. Edwards' scholarship fund primarily focuses on students majoring in biology.

On her recent visit to Prairie View, Edwards brought along a surprise for one special student. During a seminar that focused on introducing the freshmen biology majors to bone marrow transplants and the world of dentistry, Edwards made a surprise appearance. Sophomore biology major Alexis Washington was originally scheduled to speak to the freshmen about her experiences while studying biology at Prairie View.

Throughout the course of Washington's address to the freshmen biology majors, the head of the biology department, Dr. Harriette Howard-Lee Block, interrupted Washington. The purpose of Block's intrusion was to introduce Washington to her role model, Edwards. Upon first glance of Edwards, Washington greeted her with excitement and affection. However, Washington was unaware that Edwards was about to present her with a \$10,000 check, making her the first recipient of the Tawana Edwards Endowment Scholarship Fund.

Edwards decided earlier to eliminate

the need for the winning student to have to piecemeal additional funds to satisfy his/her annual tuition bill.

Edwards said, "If you are awarded my scholarship, you need only to focus on studying and maintaining a 3.0 average such that you can apply for it next year."

Washington said, "I originally applied for this scholarship in September, and seeing how so much time had passed, I figured that I wasn't going to get it. Receiving this scholarship really touched my heart, because I can see myself starting my own practice and doing similar things toward the achievements that Edwards has accomplished. She's putting the foundation down for us, which means that we have to not only meet her expectations, but exceed them as well."

A 1990 graduate of Prairie View, Edwards received a degree in biology, before going on to continue her studies at the University of Michigan's School of Dentistry in 1994.

Since then, Edwards has gone on to start her own school-based dental program, Smile Support. Edwards' program primarily focuses on the children of Chicago and provides on-the-go dental services to students with the use of mobile dental equipment.

Smile Support currently has municipal contracts with the Chicago Public School system, and the Chicago Department of Public Health.

Since her graduation from PVAMU, Edwards has achieved a number of recognizable credentials. A member of the National Dental Association, American Dental Association, Illinois State Dental Society, Chicago Dental Society, and the American Association of Women Dentists, Edwards has made her mark in the world of dentistry.

Her latest notable contribution was



By Jordan Johnson, The Panther

Rewarding excellence: Edwards (left) hands Washington (center) her scholarship during a surprise visit to PVAMU while Drs. Deirdre Vaden and Seab Smith show support.

her involvement with PVAMU's capital campaign. Edwards decided to assist with the program by opening up her own scholarship fund titled, "Dr. Tawana Edwards Endowment Scholarship Fund," a scholarship that requires a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Edwards said, "My motivation for creating this fund came around the time of my 40th birthday. I realized that this was a defining moment in my life, so I wanted to do some-

thing that gave back to the students. I feel that nobody can buy gifts for me, so when the fund was created, I asked everyone who wanted to buy me a personal gift for my birthday to donate to my scholarship fund."

Block said, "Edwards has been so blessed financially. I feel that she is the epitome for those who have achieved financial success who should reach back and give to the university."

Memorial held for Wade

By Cierra Liggins
Panther Staff

The Campus Activities Board, Student Government Association, and National Pan-Hellenic members led students around campus on Thursday, Nov. 5, to march in a peace rally memorial to pay tribute to late junior biology major Donnie Wade.

Students at the rally embraced the opportunity to connect with other students. The

students marched from the flagpoles at the entrance of the school to the fountain on the hill holding candles in Wade's remembrance.

"One candle lit the next to show unity. It was a process to start healing. The campus needs healing," Dean Charles Lewter said when asked about the role of the candles in the ceremony.

Trenton J. Johnson, vice president of student government association, said, "The vigil was not only an opportunity to remember the lives of fallen Panthers, but also a chance for us to unite as Panthers during these difficult times."

University faces \$97 million lawsuit Wade family sues parties for son's death

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Katrina and Donnie Wade Sr., parents of the late Donnie Wade, have made the decision to file a wrongful death lawsuit against Prairie View A&M University and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and pledge trainer Marvin Jackson.

According to media reports, the lawsuit was filed for nearly \$97 million, alleging wrongful death caused by inappropriate behavior while Wade was enduring the pledging process.

Wade's parents also seem to be convinced that certain parties are responsible for their son's death and were encouraging and

supporting others to engage pledgees and members in activities constituting violations of fraternity bylaws, rules, policies, and standards.

While the Hempstead Police Department is currently conducting an investigation of the happenings on the morning of Wade's death.

In its own defense, Phi Beta Sigma posted a statement on its Web site pertaining to the incidents that took place at Prairie View.

The statement reads, "Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. takes any form of hazing very seriously. Hazing has not and does not represent the tradition and principles of the 95-year history of our fraternity. Specifically pertaining to the unfortunate death of Prairie View A&M student Donnie Wade, II, the fra-

ternity has and will continue to work closely with the campus officials and the Hempstead Police concerning this situation."

Sheleah Hughes, director of public relations, said, "The university does not offer statements on pending litigations."

Wade's parents hired Kevin Kelly, a Dallas attorney for Kelley Witherspoon, LLP., to defend claims in the wrongful death lawsuit in their son's death.

Kelly Witherspoon, LLP has experienced success while helping their clients collect damages for the death or injury of themselves and/or their families. The firm also hired a private investigator to assist in solving the mysteries surrounding the death of Wade.

Kelly said, "When handling a case like this, our firm tries to use every resource that is available to us to our advantage."

Prairie View professor wins award

Kirschten given Red Wasp for screenplay

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Dr. Robert Kirschten, a professor in the English department, recently won best screenplay, for his script titled, "Hotel School," during the 2009 Red Wasp Film Festival in Bryan, Texas.

He was honored Nov. 6.

According to Kirschten, "Hotel School is a freudian Blues Brothers, who think they are Cinderella, Trading Places inside Police Academy.

The film is based around the idea of two stepbrothers who hate each other and who stand to inherit a chain of hotels, depending on who finishes hotel schooling first. The pro-

tagonist, Rob, a hippie musician who fails at everything competes with the antagonist, Percy, his evil step-brother, who already runs the hotel chain. In the film, Rob's biological father died, which caused Percy to take over the hotel chain.

Throughout the plot, Rob and Percy compete against each other to finish hotel school, so that they can officially take over the chain of hotels.

According to Kirschten, the script took nearly 10 years to write, and was just finalized in November 2009.

Kirschten said, "I wanted to create a film that had broad comedy, but also had real human emotions tied into the plot, and portrayed serious issues."

In addition to "Hotel School," Kirschten has written a number of scripts for screenplays including, "Barrel Roll," "Crossword," and "Natural History."

Kirschten also works in the genre of poetry video, a new media method of memory keeping. Visit www.oldfamilymovies.com.

"Hotel School"

Act I: Introduction of characters and the reading of the will
Rob, the poor, handsome hero
Percy, the rich, ugly, not nice guy

Act II: The competition begins
The brothers enroll in hotel school and there they compete in several contests that end with sabotages, fires, expulsions, etc.

Act III: Rob and Percy come to an understanding
Rob obtains the hotel chains after winning the challenges and becomes a professional executive. Percy destroys the hotels in jealousy, and ironically, the two brothers "live happily ever after" once they decide to form a corporate team.

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Minds receive positive psyche



By Jordan Johnson, The Panther

Showing gratitude: Hill presents Dickson with a certificate after his lecture on psychology.

By Sean Ealum
Panther Intern

A psychology seminar was held by the psychology club inside the student lounge of the Memorial Student Center on Nov. 4, to educate students on a new and unique branch of psychology called positive psychology.

Positive psychology is a new field of research into the good life, well-being, and happiness of our lives. Not only is it focused on the pursuit of happiness, but how we can pursue the good life with greater success. The guest speaker of the event was Dr. Joe Dickson, an associate professor at Prairie View in the psychology department.

Dickson spoke briefly to students on things relating to the body such as sleep and taking care of your body. Dickson said, "Getting your rest is important to your body. Condition your body and implement a routine before you go to bed. Lack of sleep leads to depression." Dickson also gave students advice on

how to prevent falling asleep after eating foods that make you sleepy.

"Stay away from amino acids or things that make you fall asleep," said Dickson.

Dickson informed students on what is called "bad sleep hygiene," or bad habits we exhibit before or while in bed, including watching television and studying in bed.

Students learned about the positive side of psychology that enables individuals to thrive and maintain happiness within. Dickson said learning optimism, hardiness, and hope are components of positive psychology.

Before the seminar ended, Dickson asked the students to participate in a visual relaxation technique, which involved using imagination. Students seemed to enjoy and become relaxed with the new technique as well.

Miss Prairie View A&M University Chelsee Hill, ended the event with closing remarks and presented Dickson with a certificate of appreciation.

Powerful women in workplace

By D'Ann Dickson
Panther Staff

Students gathered Nov. 3 to discuss opinions of powerful women in the workplace and in the household.

"Women have the power," said Dr. Derek Wilson, assistant professor and undergraduate coordinator for the psychology department during the "Powerful Women: Compliment or Threat" seminar sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Sheleah Hughes, director of public relations, Isis McCraw, program coordinator for the office of special programs and cultural series, Terri Mason, senior biology major, Wilson and Tyrus White, junior electrical engineering major were panelists.

Greeks talk sex

By Eboney Sowell
Panther Staff

Several Greek organizations came out on Nov. 4, to speak at the second annual "Sex with the Greeks" seminar, and educate the student body on making smart and healthy sexual decisions.

"Panthers Promoting Healthy Decisions" organized the annual open forum that allowed students to come out and hear representatives from the well known Greek organizations discuss the effects of being sexually active as well as confirm or negate sexual myths that students are commonly faced with.

Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Inc., Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Psi Lambda Fraternity, Inc. and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., among others spoke about sexual awareness. The organizations present where adamant in expressing the importance of sexual education on college campuses.

Peer Lead Educator Greg Rose said "The Sex With the Greeks is an opportunity to give the Greek lettered organization a chance to speak out on safe sexual health. By bringing their respective audiences we were able to educate students."

Protecting yourself

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Richard Bloom, author of the novel "Victims: A Survival Guide for the age of Crime," and "Keeping Kids Safe," hosted a seminar promoting personal safety on Nov. 10.

Bloom, motivational speaker from Montgomery, Texas, spoke with audience members about taking precautions when being alone at night.

Bloom said that crime rates were higher in the holiday season and he advised his audience to do little things to create diversions from attackers, including walking in groups, avoiding talking on cell phones while walking, and avoiding conversation with strangers.

Bloom said, "Nobody thinks they'll be a victim of violent crimes, which is why they are unprepared when they have an encounter with a criminal."

PV recognizes diversity

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

Seeking to show appreciation and develop a better understanding of the many cultures that the student body is comprised of, the Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted the International Festival in the MSC on Nov. 9.

International week is a week-long celebration that honors the students who come to PVAMU from other countries. All international student organizations united to host this event. According to statistics, there are more than 40 different countries being represented here at Prairie View. Students from foreign countries make up nearly 13 percent of the student body.

Elma De Luna Gonzalez, director of multicultural affairs said, "International week is designed to unite students, so that they can develop a better understanding of different cultures."

Dance Ensemble celebrates 20 years

By Corbin Mickens
Panther Intern

Prairie View A&M University's human performance staff will be holding a classic dance ensemble in "Tour through Time" on Nov. 20 in Opal Johnson Smith auditorium. This classic dance ensemble is a mash up between new and old school dancing that features the current dances of students and alumni.

The dance ensemble was first created in 1989. The classic ensemble is a celebration of 20 years of dance excellence being portrayed at PVAMU from students.

The dance ensemble is a compilation of different dances from the early years leading to the present. The dance ensemble was created by two students wanting to create another organized dance movement on campus that most students could be involved in.

Honda Battle of the Bands

Three months ago, 45 marching bands from the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) began the journey down the "Road to the Honda," all competing for a spot in the 2010 Honda Battle of the Bands (HBOB) Invitational Showcase. Today, the Prairie View A&M University marching band, the Marching Storm, emerged victorious, earning a spot among the top HBCU Bands in the country. On Jan. 30, 2010 they will be one of eight HBCU bands to perform for an excited crowd of 60,000 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta and prove why they are among the best. Representing varied music and performance styles ranging from precision to high-stepping, the complete lineup of eight headlining bands are:

•Albany State University
"Marching Rams" (Albany, Georgia)

•Clark Atlanta University
"Mighty Marching Panthers" (Atlanta, Georgia)

•Florida A&M University "Marching 100" (Tallahassee, Florida)

•North Carolina Central University "Marching Sound Machine" (Durham, North Carolina)

•Prairie View A&M University
"Marching Storm" (Prairie View, Texas)

•Southern University "Human Jukebox Marching Band" (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

•Tuskegee University "Marching Crimson Pipers" (Tuskegee, Alabama)

•Virginia State University "Trojan Explosion Marching Band" (Petersburg, Virginia)

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Police Blotter

Information obtained in this report has been reported to dispatch and officers responded to these calls.

Week of Sunday Nov. 1, 2009 to Saturday Nov. 7, 2009

Sunday, Nov. 1

□ No calls dispatched on this date.

Monday, Nov. 2

□ 11:10 p.m., Officers responded to a report of loud noise at University Village Apartments #2125. Further investigation led to citations issued for alcohol violations on campus.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

□ 12:11 a.m., Officers responded to a report of drug activity and criminal trespass at University Village Apartments #635. One subject received a criminal trespass citation and escorted off campus.

□ 10:43 a.m., Officer responded to Hilliard Hall in reference to a theft of university property. Report taken.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

□ 10:50 a.m., Officer responded to a disturbance at Sodexo dining location. Information report was filed with this department.

□ 2:20 p.m., Officer responded to the Electrical Engineering Parking Lot on a report of damage to a parked vehicle. Duty Upon Striking a Vehicle report was completed.

□ 5:00 p.m., Officer met a complainant at the police department to report a theft of a purse while at The Panther Grill. Report Taken.

Thursday, Nov. 5

□ 12:58 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Apartment #835 in reference to a burglary. Burglary of a Habitation report taken.

□ 10:30 p.m., Officers were stopped by a student who reported a burglary in progress at University Village Apartments #515. Subject was apprehended and arrested on a Burglary of Habitation Charge and taken to Waller County Jail.

□ 11:49 p.m., Officers responded to a loud party call at University Village North Apartments #2422. Further investigation found residents in possession of alcoholic beverages. Case will be forwarded to Judicial Services.

Friday, Nov. 6

□ 2:45 p.m., Officer met with complainant who reported someone hit her vehicle while parked at University Village North Apartments parking area. A Duty Upon Striking Vehicle Report was taken.

Saturday, Nov. 7

□ 4:00 p.m., Officers responded to a disturbance call at University Village Phase II Apartments #1226. Student was issued a citation on a verbal assault.

□ 9:35 p.m., Officers responded to a 911 call at University College Building 35 Room 208. Further investigation led to a domestic violence situation. Both subjects were issued assault citations.

SIFE hosts hip-hop expo conference



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

The facts: DJ Mr. Rogers speaks to students at the forum.

By Justin Arrington
Panther Intern

Students In Free Enterprise administered the first Hip Hop Expo Meet and Greet Artist Form in the MSC Nov. 3.

The guest panelists included local artists and producers including C-Stone, Teddy B, DJ Mr. Rogers, as well as Def Jam's marketing and promotion representative Nikki, "Promo Princess" and Atlantic Records Producer Michael Barns among others.

Students were educated about the entertainment industry, the event gave an inside look into the world of the music business.

Over the past few years the hip hop scene has taken a turn down south shining the spot light on cities such as Dallas, Atlanta, and Houston.

Dallas Recording artist Double A said "Hip-hop is not progressing it is just evolving and it is evolving to a stage where it doesn't appeal to the same people as it did before."

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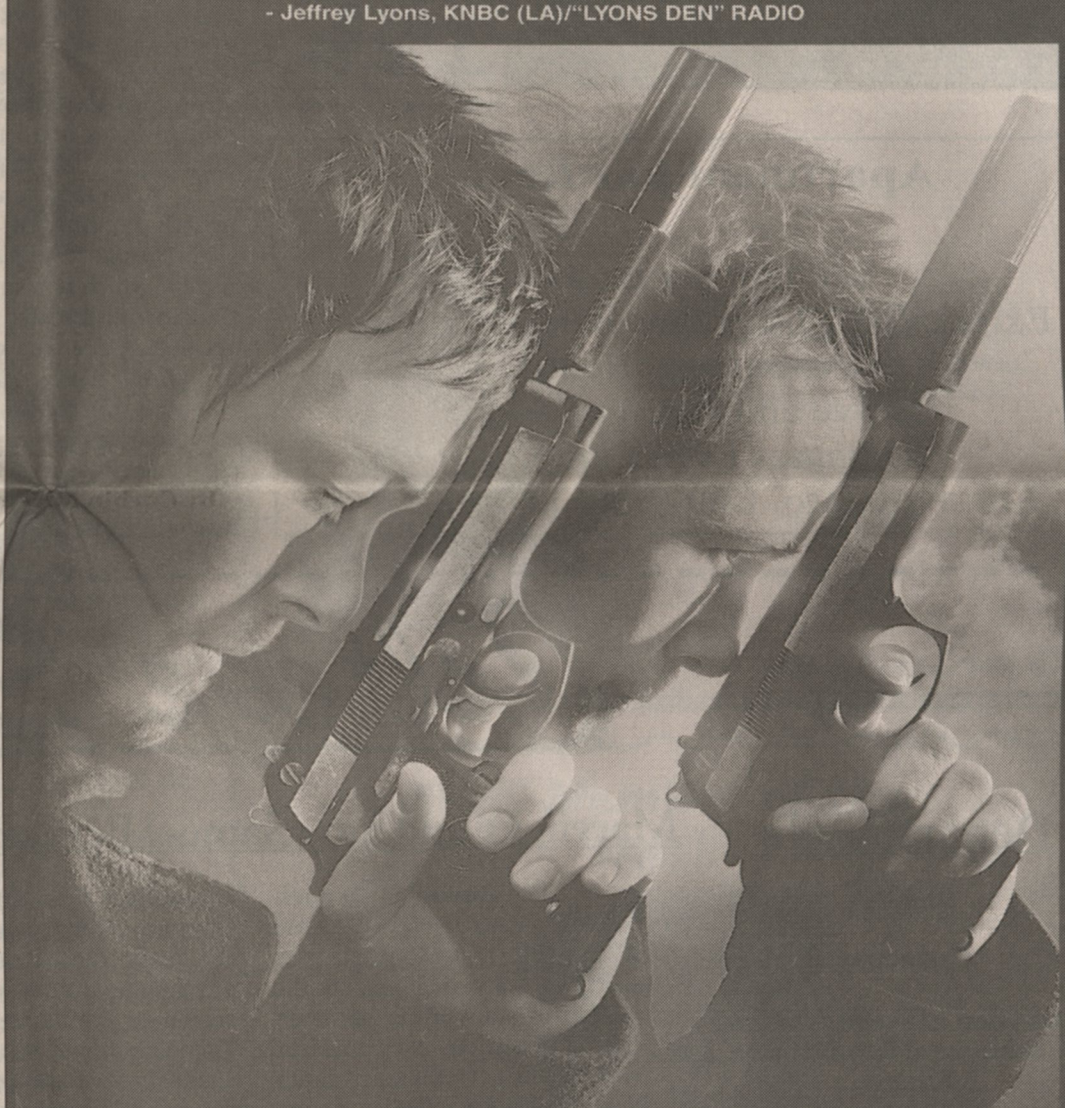
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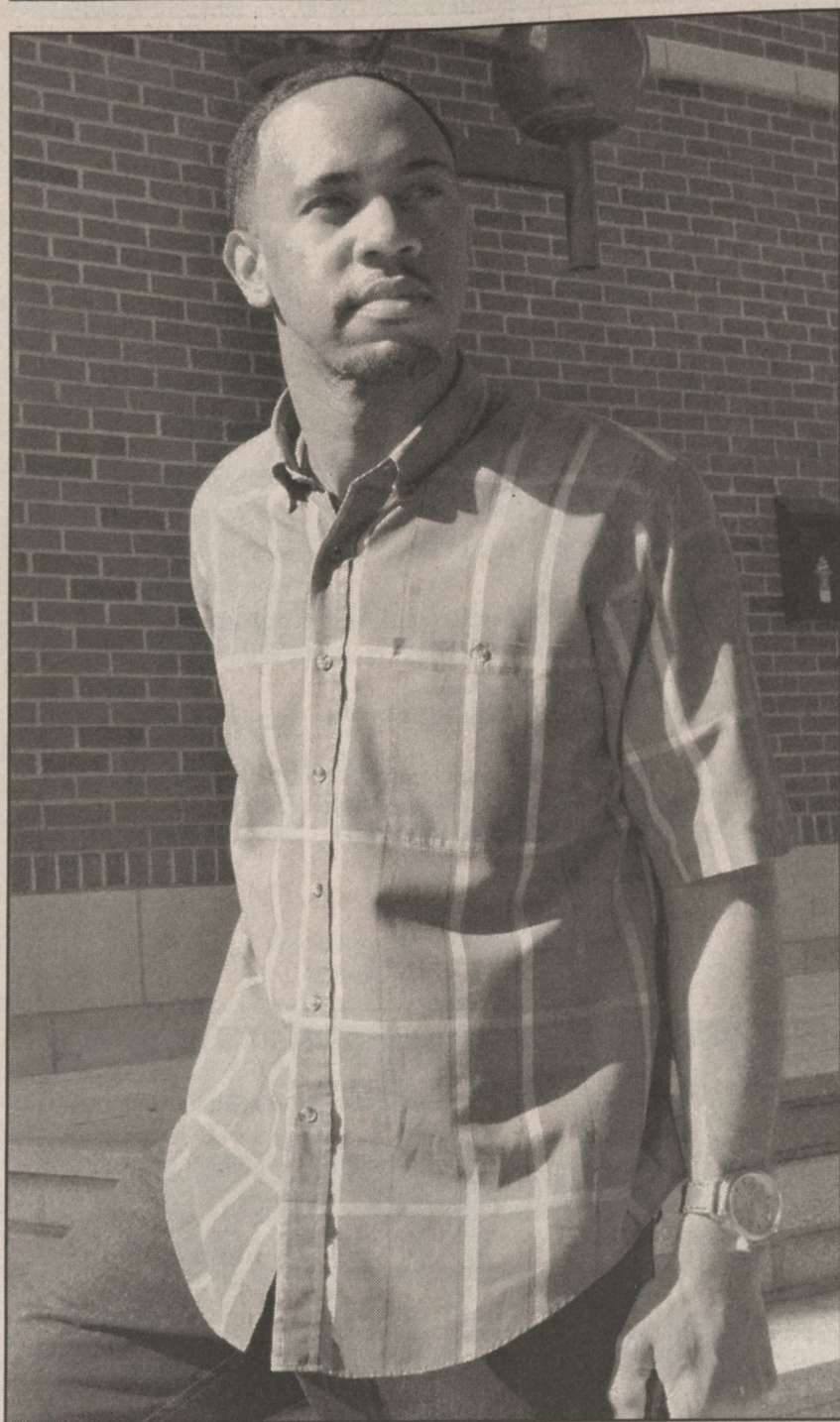
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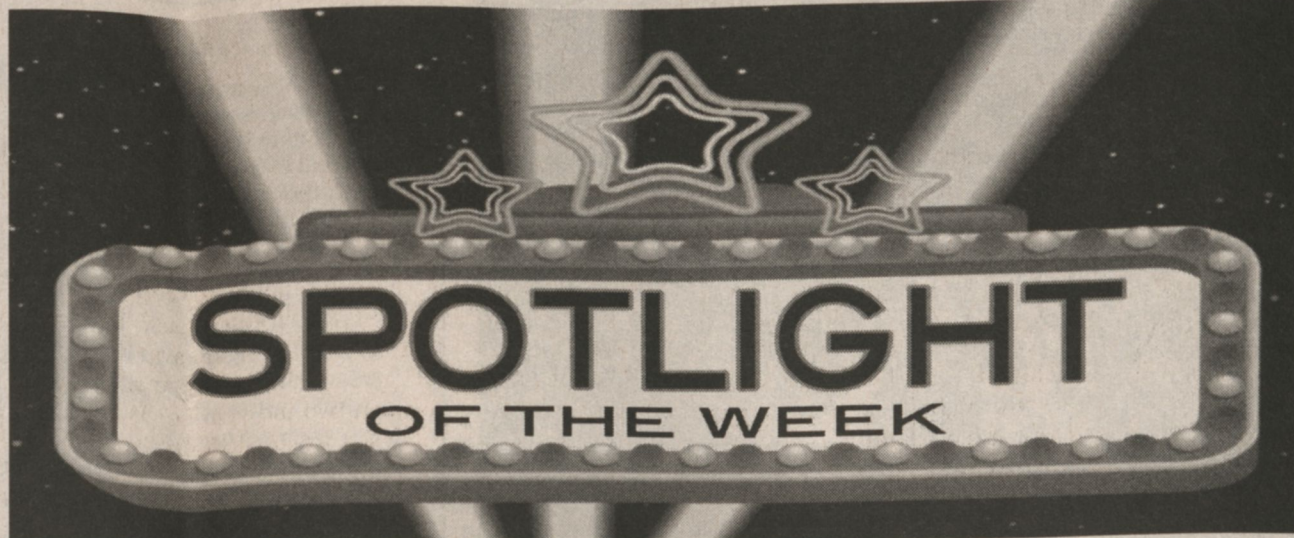
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Highlighting students who excel in their areas of interest

By Jaqueline Sadberry
Managing Editor

Lloyd Turner Jr., a 24-year-old Bellville, Texas native and undergrad student teacher, has successfully become the first and the only undergraduate to pass both teaching exams, the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility exam (PPR) and the Special Education Content exam, and be certified to teach. Prairie View A&M University's College of Education has published Turner's success in its newsletter recently, commending him for his "recognition by Cy-Fair ISD for making a remarkable impact on students of diverse population."

Turner started student teaching at the beginning of the 2009 fall school semester here at PVAMU. Turner works with special needs children, which he said involves more than just children with learning disabilities.

"Special education is comprised of different components," said Turner. "There's adaptive behavior, which is composed of emotionally disturbed children who act out. They may cut themselves for gratification. Then you have resource, where they struggle in a certain area, such as math or reading." Turner went on to list the types of disabilities that special education teachers must work with, such as

children who are hearing impaired, blind, autistic, etc. One thing is clear however, as Turner said, "You have to have a disability to benefit."

Turner knew growing up that teaching was his calling. "I've wanted to be a teacher since I was a little boy, probably about eight years old." With five years of experience in the field and added experience from working with a company that helps special needs adults with everyday living, Turner has also managed to open up his own independent private practice in northwest Houston where he resides.

"It provides services for families," said Turner, mentioning that it's open to all families regardless of economic status. His practice helps with a wide range of needs, "Anywhere from implementing curriculum to working with them on social skills. Whatever services they're in need of." Turner's practice involves going to the homes of the families within the communities of northwest Houston.

Turner will be a PVAMU alumnus come December, and will begin teaching at Cy-Fair ISD in the spring.

• **Does working in special education ever become difficult?**

"Yes, it's very challenging. Teachers have to be culturally responsive. African-Americans

look and talk a certain way and may respond to teachers differently. The same goes for Hispanics."

• **Who would you say was your inspiration for wanting to teach?**

"My mom would take the credit. She has always worked with adults with special needs. [Although] When I graduated from high school I worked at an institution with special needs adults, it gave me that compassion."

• **Do you believe colleges would benefit from having a special needs program?**

"That's a hard one, because in high school they prepare them for life outside of school, but not necessarily college. It doesn't include college because it's an institution of higher learning. My view is it depends on the level of the disability."

• **What do you love most about teaching?**

"The fact that I'm an impact to students, giving them a hunger for success. To be able to help them develop and cultivate into a significant being in society. A teacher has the ability to turn a student on and off to learning, and I want to be the teacher that turns them on to learning."

College Spotlight

Departments

Biology
Chemistry
Division of Social Work,
Behavioral & Political
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Communications
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The **Biology Department** of PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY strives to prepare its students for careers in the health professions. Many of our students, upon matriculation, enter medical schools, veterinary schools, dental schools, optometry schools, or pharmacy schools. The department also prepares its students to study medical technology, physical therapy, or occupational therapy.

The **Department of Chemistry** is located on the second floor of the New Science Building. The department is an ACS Accredited program that has state-of-the-art instrumentation for teaching and research in chemistry and allied fields, multimedia-equipped classrooms, modern laboratories for teaching and research. Our faculty members have specializations in analytical, environmental, inorganic, organic, physical, and biochemistry. Most of our students continue in chemistry-related fields after graduation, often attending graduate schools in chemistry, biochemistry, medicine, or pursuing careers in industrial research or the biomedical sciences. The department awards a B.S. in chemistry with degree options in biomedical sciences or forensic sciences, in addition to the traditional chemistry option.

The **Department of Languages & Communications** is composed of three academic units within the College of Arts and Sciences: Spanish, English, and Communications. The department's teaching facilities include: a PC & MAC computer laboratory and a media and language performance laboratory. The highlight of the department is the recently renovated digital television studio which is located in 103-A of Hilliard Hall. In addition to teaching and research the department fosters a close relationship with students.

The **Department of Mathematics** offers an innovative and comprehensive undergraduate (leading to BS degree) and graduate (leading to MS degree) programs in mathematics from which a major may select one of four emphasis options: applied, mathematics, statistics, pure mathematics, and mathematics teaching.

The **Physics Department** is an undergraduate degree-granting department, and is implementing a massive restructuring of its programs and activities. In addition to offering the newly installed four-track program for physics majors, the department also serves a large number of students from engineering, the sciences, pre-engineering and pre-medical programs, and other undergraduates seeking to satisfy core curriculum requirements.

The **Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political**

Sciences provides support courses for all undergraduate programs in addition to offering four areas of degree specialization in history, political sciences, sociology and social work. A master of arts in Sociology is offered as well. These specializations help prepare students to pursue a variety of career options, including urban and regional planning, public administration, international affairs, public policy, law enforcement, social work and human services, and educational and legal services.

The **Department of Music and Theater** offers bachelor of music degree plans in performance and in all-level certification. A bachelor of arts in drama and music. As well as a minor in music. The department is also known for the Marching Storm and Charles Gilpin Players.

Whitlowe R. Green College of Education

Departments

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The Mission of the **Office of Teacher Certification** in the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education is to provide accurate academic evaluation, interpretation and advisement to Post Baccalaureate and Prairie View A&M University students pursuing Texas Teacher Certification.

The **Department of Alternative Teacher Certification** offers a different way to become certified to teach.

The purpose of the **Department of Curriculum and Instruction** is to provide regional, national, and international leadership in the study and improvement of teaching and learning in diverse educational settings. The one integrative theme throughout the department is teacher education, which focuses on educators as facilitators of learning for diverse populations (E-FOLD-P). The E-FOLD-P model is designed to:

1. Develop beginning educators as problem-solvers, critical thinkers, and decision makers.

2. Develop beginning educators who understand and appreciate human diversity and global awareness.

3. Develop beginning educators who are reflective and continual learners.

4. Develop beginning educators who are facilitators of student growth and development.

The purpose of the **Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling** is to provide quality instruction, research, service and outreach programs that foster knowledge, appreciation and experience that will prepare graduates to meet the challenges of their

educational goals. Through a comprehensive program of graduate courses, and practical experiences students will be prepared as facilitators of learners and as professional decision makers who can assist all learners in meeting expected learner outcomes.

The **Ph.D. Program in Educational Leadership** is designed to train educational leaders who seek to develop and improve their skills and abilities in order to provide excellence in leadership. The initial focus of the program will be on the preparation of administrators and leaders for public and private schools.

The primary objectives for the **Department of Health and Human Performance** are:

1. To introduce every student to the potential benefits of a well defined

exercise program and to provide planned experiences that will result in knowledge about the value of physical activities, essential motor skill development, stamina, strength and those social qualities that will last a life time.

2. To provide a broad base of knowledge which will enable a student to specialize or adapt to a variety of career opportunities which include: preparation for teaching and/or coaching at the elementary or secondary levels; preparation for graduate study in health, health promotion, human performance and/or allied health therapeutic sciences; preparation for recreational and/or community service programs; and preparation for professional health and wellness activities at all levels.

LUCKY CHARM MAYBE?



I'm starting to think maybe I'm a lucky charm after all.

My high school football team was trash for ever

and ever, but once I got there, things changed.

They slowly, but surely, won more games each season, and my senior year, we went to the playoffs for the first time in ten years.

More players that year got scholarship offers than ever before and we were finally seen as a team that was a top contender in our class division.

Since then, my alma mater has continued to do well and players are getting opportunities they've never had before. The athletic program has increased greatly with support and as a result, we have some of the best equipment, one of the best fields, and some of the newest uniforms around.

My point in saying all of this is that maybe, just maybe, I'm that lucky charm I always thought I was.

For years Prairie View's football team was not the best. In fact, it was always the worst. They were barely winning games and just causing much embarrassment to the university.

I'm from Louisiana, so of course I'm used to the Grambling State and Southern football powerhouses that have always existed, so Prairie View was new to me.

In fact, teasing me and my decision to become a Panther, my family informed me that they were looking forward to laughing at me when their teams, Grambling State and Southern, beat us.

For a few years, they got their laughs, and that was all fine and dandy...until we, the powerful Panthers, smashed both of their teams this season, which is also my senior year. How exciting!

Since I've been at PVAMU our record, the entire program, and student morale has improved so much. Is it me?

For the first time in a while, if not forever, we are pretty much guaranteed a spot in the SWAC championship and now we have some of the best players to ever walk Prairie View's grounds.

This all rings that familiar bell that sounded my last year in high school. Is it wrong for me to take the credit? Uh, no! It's been proven time and time again, and I must say, I like this feeling.

Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

What is Love?

Is Love learned or taught? Is Love strong enough to supersede "me?" Is Love solely based on facts, or what we perceive to be factual?

Is Love putting up with a companion's shortcomings, but making them their best qualities? Is Love giving, even though you may not receive? Is Love the only reason intimacy exists?

Is Love's emotional thought process different from hate's? Is Love, love when you don't realize you're doing it? Is Love suppressing feelings or thoughts to make your spouse feel like they're the world? Is Love as pure as we claim it to be, though it takes being

dragged through the mud to be considered "real love?"

If Love is perfect, why is there a need to compromise when you're in it? If Love is unconditional, why is it tailored for certain situations and/or individuals? Is Love sometimes "I," or always "we," or visa versa? Is Love only made to be between two individuals? If Love is supposed to stand the test of time, why does time not recognize it, and it perishes?

Is Love universal, but worldly? If Love is created in the image of our Maker, why don't we love like He does?

Kermit Lindsey

Homemaker...the Christian career

Can today's woman be content with staying at home? Now from this question alone, the familiar sounds of controversy can be heard playing in the background. But the question remains what do women think of the role that has been handed to them throughout the ages; the role of a homemaker.

Now of course there are exceptions to this topic such as single women and mothers. But for the Christian married woman, is there an exception or a way that a woman can be career driven scripturally?

How many of the men who mindlessly say that a woman should be at home even know where in the Bible that mentality came from? It comes from a scripture in First Ti-

tus chapter 2, verse 3-5. "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

From the "keepers at home" line, Christian ministers used to teach that in marriage, women were to basically be homemakers. But since the cultural revolution of the past century though that piece of ministry hasn't been heard in pulpits in a long time. Not only is it very taboo, it doesn't fit with many of the congregation's lives. But for the Christian women who plan on getting married, it does presently apply and this is something to be thought about.

In the past, women readily accepted the place at home taking care of things and keeping them in order. But during World War II, while all the able-bodied men were

off fighting for our country, our government asked the women who could to work in the workforce. Before then there was little if any place for women at work.

My grandfather raised 11 children, and was the sole provider the entire time as a truck driver for the nearby oil refinery. The cheaper cost of living contributed to that greatly. But also they went without a lot of things. Their lifestyle was definitely more modest and the merchandise mindset we have today our grandparents didn't have.

Today, though, the tables have been turned and many married

mothers are actively engaged in the workforce, which brings home an ex-

"Ideally in a Christian marriage, a man is to go out and work while the wife stays home..."

tra paycheck. Most men wouldn't complain about more money. The more money the two of them can make, the more they can have. This is greediness.

But, as men who are commanded by God to work, do we also fulfill the care of the house that is the woman's duty? Often when both spouses are working fulltime, the household duties are split down the middle.

Now don't get me wrong it's one thing to help out with chores, but it's another thing entirely to take the role over and/or split it in half. According to the word of God, many Christians wouldn't have a problem with the fact that there are distinctive roles for women and men. But we may often fail to realize that in order to be blessed, we must fit in with the mold that is already prescribed in his word. God cannot bless what we do not do.

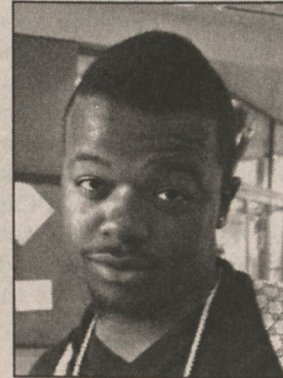
Ideally in a Christian marriage, a man is to go out and work while the wife stays at home and takes care of the household and children. Separate from any opinion, in this basic marriage scenario there is no way around that conclusion.

If you have feedback you would like to share visit pvpanther.com and leave a comment.

Aaron Jacobs

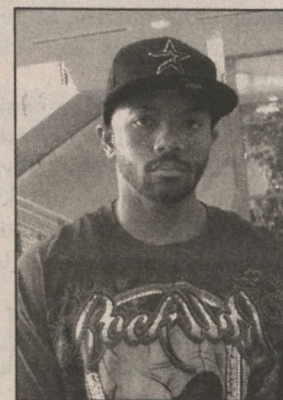
PURPLE & GOLD POLL

How do you feel about the men's upcoming basketball season? Do you think they will be contenders in SWAC?



"I think we have a better chance this year. We have new and improved players so this year we are going to be 'balling all the way to SWAC.'"

DeJuan Kenney
Junior
Communications



"As long as they work hard and we support our team there is no reason we can't make it out on top."

Guy Bouldin
Senior
Music Education



"I feel that the upcoming men's basketball team will be very successful in making it to the SWAC championship. Go Panthers!!"

Angel Barr
Junior
Chemistry

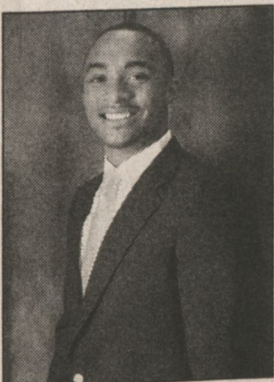
By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Staff Member of the Week



Aleceia England
Junior
Communications

SGA Speak Out



Powell

Greetings my fellow Panthers. I would like to personally thank you for your support and participation in rebuilding our

student morale. I am aware that many students still have questions regarding some unfortunate events that have plagued our campus in the past month. Investigations are still on-going and questions will be answered as received. It is imperative that we, as students, keep the big picture in mind and continue to achieve academically and in other areas.

At this particular juncture, the semester is coming to a close and time management is the key. Turn in those projects, assignments and work on time! I challenge you to take care of business in the classroom and remember to keep balance throughout.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Marching Storm on their bid to the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, Ga., and to our women's soccer team in an excellent year that led to their participation in this year's championship! I would like to applaud our athletics department as a whole on the various wins this past week.

SGA is currently working on a variety of projects and initiatives. These include:

1. Plans to start a childcare center for students, faculty, and staff with children. We will be visiting Texas Southern University's childcare center for ideas Nov. 20, 2009.

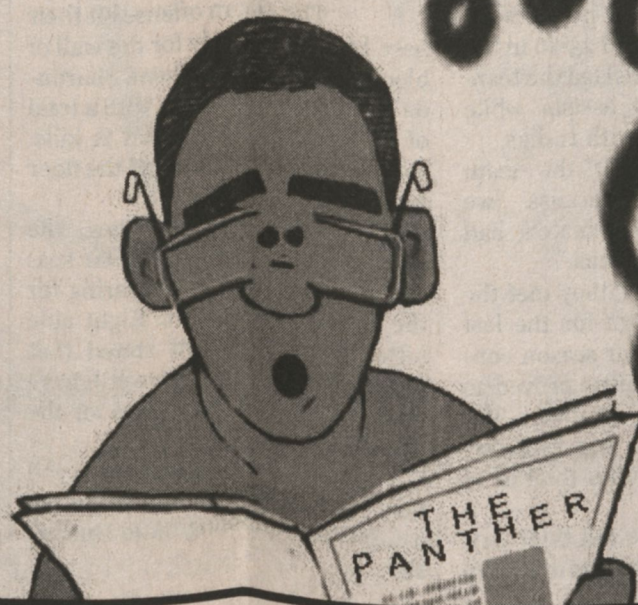
2. We are currently working on a proposal so that students are allowed to attend the football SWAC Championship in the event our football team qualifies.

3. SGA will have "Spirit Week" next week November 16 - 21, 2009 brought to you by our class presidents.

4. We will also be voting on increasing our athletic fee to support athletics in the near future. Advertising is posted and a seminar will be held the beginning of next week.

Thank you again students and I encourage you once again to end the semester on a strong note.

I Love College
By: Robert Jordan III



LET'S SEE WHO'S GETTING
BLASTED IN 20 QUESTIONS
THIS WEEK?

Lady Panthers lose in championship game

By Kevin Hooks
Panther Staff

After defeating the number one ranked team in the tournament Grambling State, on Nov. 5 and shutting out host team and defending champion Mississippi Valley on Nov. 6, the Lady Panthers were on a roller coaster high going into the championship match against Arkansas Pine Bluff on Sunday, Nov. 8.

The game would be a defensive battle throughout both halves with neither team really grabbing control of the momentum. Unfortunately, UAPB forward Nicole Parks-Powell was in the right spot at the right time and punched in a goal after a missed attempt from a fellow teammate, putting the Lady Lions up 1-0 in the 54th minute of the second half.

Despite several attempts at the opposing goal keeper, the Lady Panthers weren't able to capitalize on any attempts, ending the Panther's magnificent tournament run.

Heading into the tournament with a record of 7-9, the Lady Panthers knew they would have to execute, provide great defense and stay on attack on the offensive end to win the tournament.

Their plan started working very quickly when they went on a scoring flurry in the first half against MVSU. Forward Navyd Diaz opened

up the game for the Lady Panthers with a 25-yard strike at the 10 minute mark that gave the opposing goalie no chance to even contest the shot.

Later on, SWAC freshman of the year, Yosselyn Aguilar, decided to put her stamp on the game by connecting on a goal from a nicely executed assist from teammate Claudia Martinez just 31:51 into the first half.

As play resumed in the second half, the Lady Panthers knew that they would have to maintain their first half performance and stay focused in order to keep their lead intact. They did just that by sealing the deal with a David Beckham-like right corner kick from Brenda Castillo in the 76th minute. The goal gave the Lady Panthers a demanding 3-0 lead that lasted due to the impressive play from Lady Panther goalie, Jessica Garcia.

This was the second time this year that the Lady Panthers shut out Valley. With the win, the Lady Panthers improved their overall record to 8-9 and advanced to take on the winner of Grambling State/Alcorn State game Friday, Nov. 6 in the semifinals.

Following the prominent win over Mississippi Valley, the Ladies realized that they would have to up their game even more to take down their next opponent, the number one ranked Grambling State

Lady Tigers.

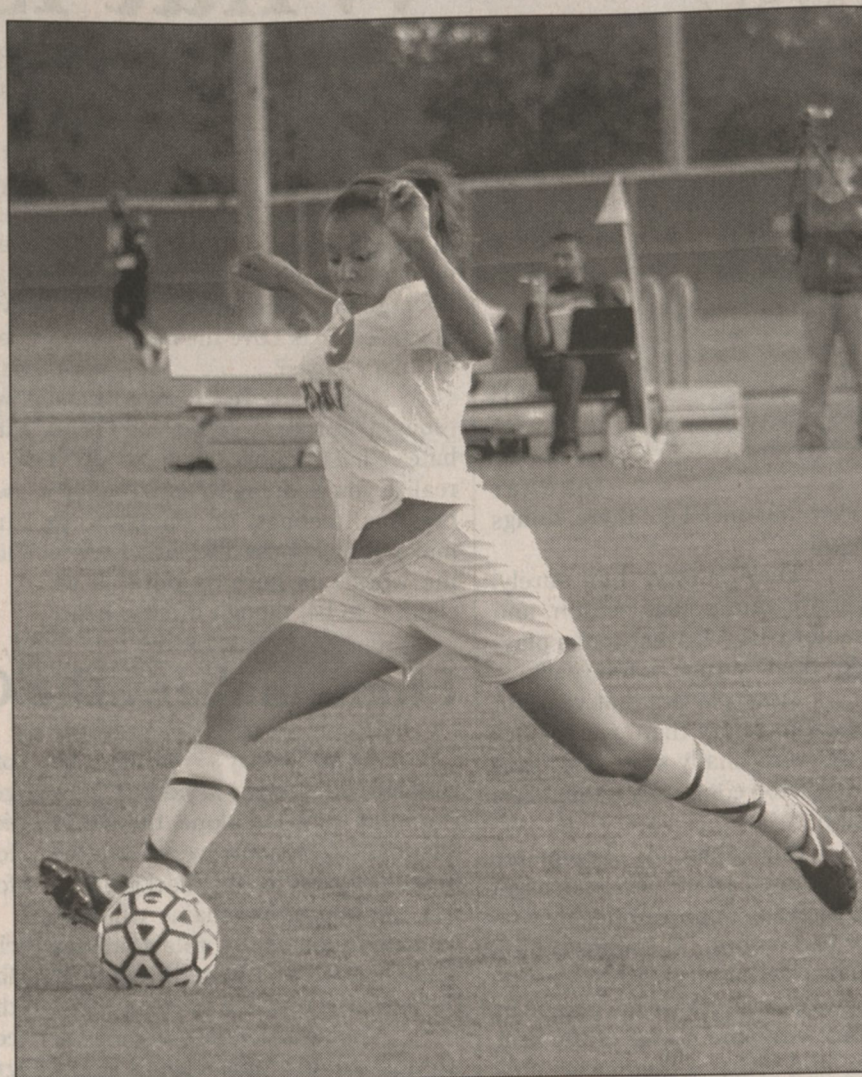
The Lady Panthers would again begin the game in impressive fashion as they scored their first goal at the 19:28 mark, taking advantage of Grambling State fouls. Aguilar, with the benefit of a free kick from the middle of the field capitalized with a goal from 30 yards out. As play continued with Prairie View up 1-0, the game became more aggressive, but with 35:15 left, an excellent assist from Marrisa Woods to Abigail Escobar gave the Lady Panthers a 2-0 lead over the top ranked team in the tournament.

Grambling State would finally punch in with a breakaway, unassisted goal from Kelsie Sherfield at the 44:34 mark as the Lady Panthers took a 2-1 lead into intermission.

As the whistle blew to begin the second half, the Lady Panthers were in perfect position to advance to the SWAC Championship game as long as they could hold back the attack Grambling would attempt.

Fortunately, the outcome was unsuccessful, because Garcia shut out Grambling State in the 2nd half, ending the game with six saves and securing the victory.

With the victory, the Lady Panthers advanced to the 2009 SWAC championship game held on Sunday, Nov. 8. They took on the winner of the Jackson State/Arkansas Pine Bluff contest.



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

SWAC Tournament: The Lady Panthers kick through the competition to the SWAC title game.

Bulldogs rally late, Prairie View holds on for victory



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Panther Offense: KJ Black threw for three touchdowns and 224 yards during the Panthers' 33-27 win over AAMU.

By Jeremy O. Malone
Panther Staff

With less than 30 seconds left in the fourth quarter, after Alabama A&M scored 20 unanswered points to come within six points of the Panthers, the Bulldogs lined up for an onside kick which could prolong their comeback.

However, wide receiver and kick returner Anthony Weeden recovered the ball for Prairie View as the Panthers went on to win, 33-27. The win brought the Panthers a step closer to their ultimate goal of playing in the SWAC Championship game on December 12.

Coach Henry Frazier was not happy about how his team played in the 2nd half, as Prairie View allowed those 20 unanswered points in the final 17 minutes of Saturday's game at Blackshear Sta-

dium. In front of 4,876 fans, Prairie View improved their record (6-1, 5-0 SWAC) and with the win the Panthers are guaranteed at least a share of the SWAC Western Division title.

It was a bounce-back game for quarterback KJ Black as he lead the Panther offense with three touchdowns through the air, while Donald Babers provided the team with a great effort on the ground (113 yards, one TD). The Panther defense played strong defense, only allowing seven points in the first half.

The Bulldogs, nevertheless, had a change of attitude in the second half. Alabama A&M quarterback Deaunte Mason would rush for two touchdowns, and it looked like the Bulldogs were gaining a chance for a win in the closing moments of the game, but the Panthers' defense ended another threat when safety Anthony Beck picked off Mason in

the end zone with 1:31 remaining. Yet, on the second play of the ensuing drive, Black fumbled on his own 15-yard-line with 1:21 left in the fourth quarter. Three plays later, backup quarterback Kevin Atkins hit Rashad Johnson for a four-yard touchdown pass that pulled the Bulldogs within six. Rashad Johnson would come in relief of Deaunte Mason after he got knocked out of the game earlier in the last quarter.

Prairie View is sixth in total defense yards and passing yards allowed in FCS, with only 13 touchdowns given up this season. The Panthers understand playing defense at a championship level is key on the road to SWAC glory.

The Panthers' next game will be in Alcorn, Miss. against the Braves of Alcorn State on Nov. 14, then back for their final home game against UAPB on Nov. 21.

Bowling team defeats defending national champion

By Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

The Lady Panthers bowling team beat national champions, the Nebraska Cornhuskers in a four game Baker set with a total pin count of 666 to 643 during the Nebraska Big Red Invitational tournament last week.

The Lady Panthers finished seventh in the tournament with a total pin count of 11086. Top performers were team captain and junior Kristina Sadler with a 174 pin average and co-captain Lejewelia

Lewis with a 173.4 pin average.

During the tournament the Panthers finished with a two win-two loss record the first day, a five game loss the second day and a one win-four loss record the third day.

Coach Glenn White said, "I'm very proud of the way the team performed and battled in this event. We knew we were going to be competing against some of the top teams in the country. It was certainly a learning experience and we will work harder in our areas of weakness to continually improve. Defeating the reigning national champions

was a huge win for us and I think it says a lot about where the program is headed and the possibilities that exist for this bowling program to become not only SWAC Champions but eventually compete for the NCAA championships."

The Lady Panthers will be competing Nov. 14-15 in Houston at the Lady Tiger Classic hosted by TSU at Palace Lanes. The tournament starts at 9:30 a.m.

Coach White is asking everyone to come out and support the team in their only tournament close to PVAMU.

Lady Panthers look good in exhibition



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Basketball is back: The Lady Panthers are ready for their run at the fourth consecutive SWAC championship.

By De'Von Mitchell
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University Lady Panthers started the season off with an 89-55 victory over the Texas A&M Kingsville Javelinas on Thursday, Nov. 5. "The team is good," said SG Dominique Smith. "We are growing and really working on our chemistry."

The Lady Panthers never trailed in the exhibition game against the Javelinas. They used their strong pressing defense to create multiple turnovers throughout the first half. With the persistence of the Lady Panthers' defense, they ended the first half with a lead of 45-25.

Guard Latara Darrett, a newcomer to the Lady Panther squad, started her first game off great and played the entire first and second half. She was one of the key players in the game, scoring 20 points. "I hope to have the best season I've had in college and get draft-

ed," said Gatti Werema. Werema led the team in scoring (12.9) and rebounding last year (7.7) and is hoping to led the Lady Panthers back to the NCAA Tournament again this year. "We need to work hard, but I think we're ready." She continued that leadership with her game high of 26 points.

As the second half started, the Lady Panthers still controlled the tempo and the game. At one point during the second half, guard Candice Thomas did her signature cross over move that drove the crowd crazy.

"I am really proud to be a coach here at Prairie View A&M University," said Coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke. "I am happy we have finally gained the respect of the NCAA community." Regarding their style of play, Cooper-Dyke stated, "We will run, press, and score. Hopefully that translates into wins this year."

The Lady Panthers will take on Long Beach State in the first regular season game on Friday, Nov. 13 at Long Beach, Calif.

Volleyball team wins three games on road trip

By Jessica Ferguson
Panther Staff

After traveling east, the Lady Panthers returned to Pantherland with three wins under their belt. They first faced the Lady Lions of the Arkansas- Pine Bluff on Nov. 6 then traveled to Mississippi for a double-header against Alcorn State Nov. 7.

The Lady Panthers came out on fire winning the side-out off of the opening serve from the Lions. In the first game, the Panthers used their offensive strength to gain a 5-0 lead on Pine Bluff through a series of kills from junior outside hitter Cheri Lindsay and senior middle blocker Shaun Williams.

The Lady Lions fought hard to overcome the Panthers, but with their errors, it just wasn't enough. The Panthers took the first match 25-12.

The offense and defense continued to come together to domi-

nate the game. Games two and three followed the suit of the first. Libero Jasmine Hale kept the ball moving as she passed to setter Erin Fondel to set up the play. The Panthers knocked the Lions out of the game with their kills and blocks which lead to a three game victory.

The Lady Lions never reached more than 16 points with final scores of 25-14 and 25-16 in the final two games. Fondel led the team offensively with 20 assists while Hale led the defense with 11 digs.

Reid felt that the team gained the victory because "we played hard the whole match, had fun, and played with focus."

On Saturday, they met the Lady Braves of Alcorn for the last two matches of regular season conference play. The Braves proved to be no match for the Panthers. The Lady Panthers came out swinging in the first match with a total of 16 kills.

The defense did their part as well blocking the hitters of Alcorn

for 10 points. The Panthers swept the Braves in three games (25-16, 25-13, 25-12).

After a well-played match, they prepared to face the Braves a second time that day. The Braves gathered themselves and played harder in an attempt to overcome the Panthers.

The Alcorn offense hit their best, but wasn't ready for the wall of blockers that awaited them. Sharon-da Marshall led the team with a total of 10 blocks to Alcorn and 11 kills. Hale once again dominated the floor with a total of 44 digs.

With these matches, the Panthers ended SWAC regular season play and are now preparing for the SWAC tournament. Right side hitter Keandra Pickett stated that "regardless of the wins, we still have some work to do to prepare for the SWAC Tournament."

The SWAC tournament will take place on Nov. 21 and 22 on the campus of Grambling State University.

Cyber breaking and entering

Protecting yourself online

Whitney Harris
Editor In Chief

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. helped enlighten students Monday in E. E. O'Banion Building during a seminar titled "Cyber Security Awareness." Christa Molloy, project manager and information security officer, facilitated the program. Molloy stressed to students the importance of preserving personal information put on line. She said information such as date of birth, parents' names and location are extremely dangerous and may help hackers access much more personal information.

"Don't be scared, just be very cautious," said Molloy.

Molloy stressed that students limit the type of information that is posted on their social networking sites. Set your profiles to a high privacy setting and monitor who your friends are. Facebook applications are also very dangerous because they are not built by the makers of Facebook and they allow the creators to moni-

tor what the user is doing on their computer and possibly take information off of the users' profile.

Molloy encouraged students to inform their parents as well about the importance of preserving their personal information.

Molloy said the same is true for those places where free Wi-Fi is offered. She stressed to students not to go to a business or hotel that offers the Internet without requiring authentication and looking through sites that include anything extremely personal such as your online banking.

It is important to protect your identity, because if stolen the thief could have access to your bank accounts, etc. Someone could actually live a separate life than you but get all of their funding for school from your social security number. They could open a bank account, have American citizen status, and have a job, etc., so it is important to be careful and aware.

One way of checking to make sure your identity is safe is to take advantage of the free credit report that is given annually.

MySpace Privacy Setting Tips

***Restrict your profile so it's viewable only by your friends**

- This is probably the single, most effective way to protect your privacy on MySpace. Then, make sure you only invite real life friends as your "friends" on MySpace.

***People are not always who they claim to be**

- avoid meeting new MySpace "friends" in real life unless you are completely comfortable doing so. Even then, be safe and smart - tell your real friends what you are doing. Or better yet, bring some real friends with you.

***Beware of phishing scams**

- If you are asked to log-in to your MySpace account, make sure it's actually the real MySpace Web site first. If you log-in to a fake MySpace page, your password is probably being sent to a scammer. Many MySpace pages have been defaced with advertisements or explicit content after the owners fell victim to phishing scams.

Why did I get pregnant???

By Scheane Brown
Panther Staff

Seven mothers, one twin sized stroller, and four toddlers running around set the atmosphere for the seminar "Why did I get Pregnant?" with speaker Shawndra Pickett, on Nov. 3. Beginning with a list of first year expenses, PALS presented a seminar for female freshmen and gave real life examples of how pregnancy has affected students at PV.

Pickett spoke on her experience as a mother of three who found out she was pregnant during the second semester of her sophomore year in college. Like many pregnant teens, she had no idea what to do next.

"I had a guy in my life," she said. "But I did not know him. We had only been together for about six months at the time. I had no idea if he would stick around."

Pickett told the girls about how the book, Seven Habits of Highly Effective People helped her to refocus on herself and what she needed to do to get her future back to where she wanted it to be. She is now married to the father of her three sons, who are 17, 15 and 9, and she did continue her education despite how hard it was with a husband and son.

"I ended up having to take a semester off." She continued. "But I did graduate, and I now have my master's degree and am a licensed social work-

er."

Although Pickett did not graduate from Prairie View there are many students on campus who have had children while in college and are on their way to getting their degrees. A panel of six women spoke of how their pregnancies occurred and what happened since.

"I got pregnant at the beginning of my freshman year," said Gabriel Ewing, who is a senior engineering major. "People, like my CAs, looked down on me like 'Didn't we tell you about that?' and 'we can't believe you did that.' But they can't judge me."

Each woman had a different story and was proud to tell the girls what they had been through. With each inspirational take on the situation, the girls were shown just how much strength is taken to be a mother. The most stressed point throughout the seminar was to wait and contraception is key.

"After having a child, I really have not given up much," Dorette Woodson, a master's degree student said. "When I need to hop up and go somewhere, I have a mother-in-law who is very helpful, but I hope my daughter is smarter than me and a well-rounded person."

Other pregnancies were harder on the young mothers, but for all of the mothers perseverance was not an option. It was always a requirement.

"I had a threatened miscarriage and ended up being in the hospital for about a month when I was pregnant with my twins," senior mathematics major Anjelica Cruz told the girls. "But we are still here. My children are my number one priority."

Facebook Privacy Setting Tips

***Restrict your profile to "only my friends"**

- rather than "all my networks and all my friends." This is probably the single, most effective way to protect your privacy on Facebook. Then only invite real friends to be your Facebook "friends."

***Turn your birthday off**

- by default, your birthday is displayed to anyone who can see your profile. Your birth date is used for all manner of legal transactions and is a key piece of private data. This option is found by clicking "Edit" to alter your profile; it is not in the "Privacy" settings.

***Consider restricting other people's ability to search you on Facebook**

- by default, anyone can search for you, whether you are in the same network or not. In fact, Facebook publishes your profile data to search engines like Google and Yahoo; we recommend disabling this feature in your privacy options.

***Consider setting up a "limited profile"**

- and specifying people who will see that limited profile. You can exclude nearly all parts of your profile when setting up a limited profile. Unfortunately, you can only assign this limited profile to people specified by you.

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Dear Dr. Panther,

Men are dogs, ALL OF THEM! I'm starting to think that it might not be a crime to have them all neutered. You might say that I'm too hard on men but with a past like mine you would understand. I dated one, and he cheated. Another one tried to hit me. The next one just disappeared. Then one guy (I wasn't even dating) got me for all my money and I haven't heard from him in about a year. I was the type to be against same sex dating, but these days it's looking quite tempting. Is there any hope, Dr. Panther?

Sincerely,

-A Gaga Lady

Ask Dr. Panther

Dear Gaga Lady,

Um...yeah...where do I begin? From the looks of it, you sound like a mix between Rihanna and Whitney Houston, and I'm hoping you don't look like the combination. First of all, you can't degrade ALL men based on your past experiences. Let's take a look at your dating resume: you have had a cheater, a ghost, a gold-digger, and a member of the Brown family...shame! The men you date aren't the ones who need to change, Gaga Lady that's you. You pick guys like America chose Bush for office, you should have known it wasn't going to work from the start. For you, I suggest following these steps: 1. Realize your faults. 2. Know what you need in a man. 3. Date those who qualify your needs. 4. Receive your good man! If you follow these steps and still have no luck...look on Craigslist.

Respectfully,

Dr. Panther

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on expanding and stretching yourselves <---ayyyyyyeee

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ROBERT'S REVIEWS



Wale
Attention Deficit
★★★★

Although Attention Deficit is full of unique style, it is also an album that doesn't consist of any fluff, as Wale tackles tough issues as well. On the electronically-titled "90210," Wale spins a tale about women who suffer from bulimia and coke addictions. The melodic "Diary" promises his everlasting affection to a woman who is just too hurt to love back. I didn't like the fact that one song was used from a old mixtape, nor the ad nauseam repetition of his own name, but over-all this is one of the best hip hop albums I have heard this year.

FIND FIVE (5) DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN THE PICTURES.

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HUMPDAY							DOUBLEMAJOR							
PANTHER							GREEKS							
GOLD							NEWSPAPER							
CLASSIFICATION							SGA							

WHO'S THE REAL DJ HERO??

Battle of the turntables among five
rival DJs at DJ mix off competition

By Dana Polk
Panther Staff

Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.) hosted the DJ Mixx Off as a part of the "Hip-hop Expo: A dedication to hip-hop" Wednesday, Nov. 4 in the Opal Johnson-Smith Auditorium of the Memorial Student Center. "This is something that has never been done before, we wanted to just give a preview of what's to come next year," said Vice President of Programs Anita Jones, a senior English major and marketing minor. As program manager, Jones worked diligently since last spring to coordinate a successful event that needed to be brought to the campus along with executive board of S.I.F.E. and co-host of the hip-hop expo of S.I.F.E. Breona King, a senior electrical engineering major.

"There is a need and demand for students to be exposed to produc-

ers, artists, marketing promoters or anything that has to do with entertainment business on the campus," said Jones. Her reason for coordinating the event was to make it known that this type of talent is occurring at Prairie View A&M University.

In S.I.F.E. there is criteria to be met when attending national competitions, the criteria met regarding the event was marketing economics. This is teaching the target market (that is PVAMU students) the aspects of business.

Five DJs participated in the DJ Mixx Off and the host was Chanse Jenkins, "DJ 1 Mo' Chanse". First place, cash prize was awarded to Leeland Bentham a.k.a. "DJ Wall", of Cypress, Texas. "The competition was close between Mike Reed "DJ Mike N Ike", a senior psychology major and "DJ Wall", they both performed well,"

said King. The runner-up of the final two was Reed.

The other participants were Trevan Brown 'DJ Might-E-Mouse', Lance Hutchins "DJ Treal," Marcus Torregano "DJ Dubs Deuce."

King was very instrumental with selecting judges for the competition. "I have a very big passion for music. Also I had a friend who passed who was a DJ, who taught me to screw and chop music. Then I have another friend who is a DJ, who I travel with sometimes when he is working. Also I have a program on my computer that I play often. I picked up on how to select and use the proper transition when Deejaying a song," said King.

The judges were Justin Rogers a.k.a. DJ Mr. Rogers, and musical producers B-Do (Bradley Davis), B. Don (Brandon Pitre), and G. Luck (Gavin Luckett).

HEDDA GABLER

A Charles Gilpin production

By Aleceia England
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Love, Scandal, Passion, Murder, but Boring! Hedda Gabler by Henrik Ibsen and directed by Ted Shine was the Charles Gilpin Players' most recent production.

The setting takes place in present day Marshall, Texas, but the dialect that the players used seemed out of date. Despite the illustration of a sexy vixen with a gun this play produced more questions than answers. Savannah Jones, senior theatre major, played Hedda Tesman also known as Hedda Gabler, was a lusted after woman who got married to George Tesman, a major contrast to the personality of Hedda. I am wondering what is the hidden characteris-

tic of Hedda Gabler. Who was she? Could she have been a prostitute; a lonely, bored woman; a snob; a busy body; a bi-polar nutcase?

George Tesman, played by senior theatre major Marcus Anderson, was trying to please this woman by purchasing a house from perverted old man Judge Brach played by Marcel Spears, junior theatre major. It did not make Hedda happy. Other random people graced the stage their point still unknown to me. The depth of the play was not conveyed well. The flow, reasons, relationships and mischief was not easy to follow. I caught myself several times tuning out the play. It did not catch my attention.

Contrary to my viewing

there were playgoers who enjoyed the play. Sophomore biology major Rheketah Berwick loved it. She said "The white screen that showed into their past was really good. They did really well."

Freshman business management major Montel Ausvrooms says his favorite part was when Hedda shot herself and George Tesman said 'by jove she killed herself fancy.' Amber Parker, a freshman chemical engineer major, said, "My favorite character was Aunt Juju because she was the nicest one and she didn't have a hidden task."

Hedda Gabler was entered into the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Break a leg and much luck Charles Gilpin Players.



"This Woman"

By Ryan Versey
Panther Staff

Every time I see her I straighten my hat and
fix my collar,
even if it's from a window or a door,
she's beautiful. my favorite flavor of eye candy
but inside she is so much more

beautiful is an understatement, so I take it
back
unmeasurable capacity of style and class
I say "hey!", she say "hi!", hug each other then
say "bye!"
I stand in awe when she smile and pass

a young beautiful intelligent Godly black wom-
an.
(nuff said right?... but wait, there's more...)
I sit back in the friend zone, don't wanna come
on too strong
prayin to God for a chance to see what love has
in store

a woman with virtues...a virtuous woman
worth far more than anything ever bought
for she knows that a gem does not seek
and that a gem is to be sought

so every morning as I thank Him for my health
and strength
I thank Him also for her presence in another
blessed day
I feel as though our acquaintance has made me
a better man
more suitable to cherish, relish, value and hon-
or her in every way

and in every way I shall treat her as the Queen
I know she is
even in the stage of friendship, delighted in her
one and the same
as time continues to strengthen our bond I
continue to pray
that she responds to me when I call her by her
name

to take her by the hand and to share my
thoughts and dreams
to share my love and my joy and quest for Eter-
nity
to be the object of her love and affection
and to be the one she adores and admires Eter-
nally.

patience is key, and only time will tell
but I just can't get her off my mind
prayin that I see the day
that the love is this Godly Virtuous woman is
mine.



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

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20 QUESTIONS?

1. Who was the girl who tried to fight a group of people over a seat in the MSC?
2. Was it that important for her to sit in front of the drink fountain?
3. How many times does "Drake" have to fall before he gives up skateboarding?
4. Who is not the "Greatest Ever"?
5. So who was the girl who pulled a hit and run in front of the Phases?
6. Who was the girl who thought it was OK to wear a shower cap because it was raining?
7. Where do they do that?
8. Who was excited *The Panther* added two additional pages?
9. Will you read more than just 20 Questions?
10. Who else thought the food at Multicultural night was on point until they got home?
11. When did the MSC become Club Jamaica Jamaica?
12. Was it that live for a girl to bust a split in the middle of the PV seal?
13. How long will it take for the custodians to get that smell out of the MSC?
14. Who was the guy in the UC asking his friends to borrow drawers?
15. Is he not the epitome of "Dirty D"?
16. Why are there so many new DJs?
17. Don't they realize it takes more than a couple tries at DJ Hero advanced level to be certified?
18. Who was the Lady Panther giving a photographer "Becky" at the Ladies basketball game?
19. Speaking of sports, who actually knew the women's soccer team placed 2nd in SWAC?
20. What do you think?

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